



# MARE Focus

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**Legislative Alert – SB 612 & HB 2247** – Public education proponents need to remain on the alert regarding SB 612 (Voucher tax credits) and HB 2247 (Charter School expansion). MARE, along with all other educational associations, is strongly opposed to both pieces of legislation for a number of reasons, chief of which is the fact that there is not money in the state budget for these programs. Please review recent Legislative Bulletins sent out by MASA for more specific information on this legislation. Superintendents, principals, teachers, Board members and concerned parents and district patrons are strongly encouraged to contact your local representatives and senator to encourage him/her to vote no on this legislation.

**Welcome New Associate Member** – MARE is pleased to welcome School Software Group, Inc. as our newest Associate Member. BuildYourOwnCurriculum (BYOC) takes pride in servicing Missouri districts and partnering with Missouri organizations such as MARE and SMCAA. BYOC is founded on a basic goal, to make curriculum more beneficial to districts. Regardless of how you do it, creating a consistent, district-wide curriculum is a one of the core challenges for any district. Our belief is simple, if you are going to do the work, get value out of it. By utilizing a true curriculum management system, your district can easily analyze and utilize your district curriculum. Imagine easily knowing that your curriculum addresses every standard, where it is addressed, and how many times it is addressed. Imagine utilizing your curriculum to enable your administrative team to be true “Instructional Leaders” in their buildings. Imagine your teacher’s lesson plans being reflective of the district curriculum. Stop imagining, we can do all of that. Contact us to find out how.... Contact Chris Trina for more information at [ctrina@schoolsoftwaregroup.com](mailto:ctrina@schoolsoftwaregroup.com).

## MARE Superintendent Searches

Cabool R-IV School District - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Phone: (660) 441-7473 or email at [19mj46@charter.net](mailto:19mj46@charter.net).

Closed searches include Van Buren R-I, North Andrew R-VI, Canton R-V, Guadalupe Centers and Sturgeon R-V.

## Other Vacancies

New Madrid County R-I - Job Openings for 2018-2019 - Elementary Principal, Elementary Teachers, English (8th grade) and Welding Instructor - contact Pam Riley at [priley@newmadridco.k12.mo.us](mailto:priley@newmadridco.k12.mo.us).

Jamestown C-1 Principal Vacancy - Applications should be submitted to Dr. Gretchen Guitard, Superintendent, Jamestown C-1 School, 222 School Street, Jamestown, MO 65046. For an Administrator Application form, go to: <http://www.jamestown.k12.mo.us/join-our-staff>.

**MARE Scholarship Programs** – The deadline to apply for the MARE College Scholarship Program is this Friday, March 23rd. For an application and more information, access the links for the scholarship program listed on the introductory MARE Focus Cover Page. The MARE HS Senior Scholarship Program application period has passed. The HS Scholarship Review Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 26th to review and score the applications. All applicants will be notified by mail during the

week of March 26th through March 31st. Good luck!

**2018 MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference** – Next year’s conference will be held Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) through Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m.) at The Lodge of Four Seasons. Please make plans now to attend and help us grow our annual conference! Kent Rader (The World’s Cleanest Comedian and Speaker) has been booked as our Keynote Speaker!

**Annual Election of Executive Board Members** - MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Region B, D, F, H and J this year. Additionally, one member from a MARE member school district’s Board of Education and a K-8 representative (appointed by the K-8 Board) will be selected this year. If you are interested in being considered, please check out the website for more information. Board members will be announced at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting. Terms for newly elected or appointed members begin on July 1, 2018.

**Region B** – Counties of - Gasconade, Franklin, Crawford, Washington, Iron, Reynolds, St. Francis, Ste. Genevieve, Jefferson, Perry and St. Louis

**Region D** – Counties of – Laclede, Camden, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Dent.

**Region F** – Counties of – Jackson, Cass, Lafayette, Johnson, Henry, Saline, Pettis, Cooper, Moniteau and Morgan.

**Region H** – Counties of – Scotland, Knox, Shelby, Monroe, Audrain, Callaway, Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike, Montgomery, Lincoln, Warren and St. Charles

**Region J** – Counties of – Atchinson, Holt, Nodaway, Andrew, Buchanan, Platte, Clay, Worth, DeKalb, Clinton, Ray, Caldwell, Daviess, Gentry and Harrison.

**School Board Training Dates** - MARE has arranged to provide Board Training at the following locations:

**Winston R-VI School District (NW Missouri)** – (660) 749-5331

- Friday, May 18, 2018 (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 19, 2018 (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

**Poplar Bluff R-I School District (SE Missouri)** - (573) 785-7753

- Friday, June 1, 2018 (8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 2, 2018 (8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.)

**Crest Ridge R-VII School District (WC Missouri)** - (660) 656-3316

- Friday, June 15, 2018 - (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 16, 2018 - (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

**Lake Ozark, MO – The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Conference)**

- Wednesday, October 17, 2018 (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 18, 2018 (8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.)
- Friday, October 19, 2018 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)

**\*\* We will likely schedule 1 or 2 trainings in North Central or Northeast Missouri with Leroy Huff serving as the Board Training Facilitator. Those have yet to be scheduled!**

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANY NEW BOARD MEMBER(S) NEEDING THE SIXTEEN (16) HOURS OF REQUIRED TRAINING.**

To register, please complete the form (coming soon to district Board Secretaries) and fax to (660) 747-8160, scan and email to [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com), or go online ([www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com)) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training.

**Legal Articles** – New articles have been added in the past few weeks! Please check this out at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com). Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, Mickes O’Toole, Guin Mundorf, and Tueth Keeney for providing these articles.

**2018 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament** – The annual tournament will be held on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be involved in this event. All proceeds benefit the MARE Scholarship programs.

**NREA Essay Contest** - The annual NREA Foundation Essay Contest allows contestants to participate in three divisions: elementary, middle/junior high, and high school. Grades 3-8 may participate in a written essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. Grades 9-12 may participate in a video essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. The winner in the elementary division receives \$250. The runner-up will receive \$100. The winners in the middle/junior high and high school divisions receive \$400. The runner-ups receive a \$200 prize. For more information, go to the NREA website at [www.nrea.net](http://www.nrea.net).

**Associate Membership List** – The Missouri Association of Rural Education is very fortunate to have a number of very loyal and dedicated Associate Members who support our organization by providing discounted services, discounted products, support for our annual conference, support for our golf tournament and information and trainings around the state. Please access the complete list found on the introductory MARE Focus Cover Page.

**Call for Presentations** – MARE and MO K-8 are accepting presentation proposals for the joint conference which is scheduled for October 17-19, 2018 at The Lodge of Four Seasons. Please access our website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com) and download the form to submit. Contact me with any questions!

### **SRSA Application News**



Dear Rural School Organization Contact,

We are writing to notify you that the FY 2018 Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant application period is scheduled to open *Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and close Friday, April 20, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. time*. The FY 2018 SRSA application will be available in [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) once the application period opens on February 20.

The Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) team sent this notification to local education agencies (LEAs) and state education agencies this morning.

We will send a follow-up email to LEAs next week with a link to the updated eligibility spreadsheet and details about pre-application actions that SRSA-eligible LEAs should take to be prepared to start their FY 2018 SRSA grant applications on February 20.

If you have questions regarding this notification, please send them to [REAP@ed.gov](mailto:REAP@ed.gov).

**MARE & EducationPlus Partnership** - Did you know that the Missouri Association of Rural Education and EducationPlus are partners in providing member school districts with everything from pencils to roofing through a Cooperative Purchasing Program agreement? We are also partners with MASA and the Cooperating School

Districts of Greater Kansas City in this agreement. School districts benefit by purchasing items through the cooperative at competitive and discounted prices. MARE, MASA and the Cooperating School Districts benefit as well through the agreements that we have on file with EducationPlus. Vendors include some of the major school providers such as Riddell, Blick Art Materials, Nasco, CDW-G, Kyocera, Quill.com, School Speciality and a host of others. For more information on this great program, please contact Stephanie Everhart-Brown at (314) 692-1224 or [severhartbrown@edplus.org](mailto:severhartbrown@edplus.org). Check out the website for more information!

**Missouri State Parks Survey Opportunity** - The Missouri State Parks Department is looking to better understand how Missouri youth currently participate in outdoor activities, what outdoor areas are available to them, and why kids do or don't use them. To read more about this, please check out our website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com).

**NREA/Rural Schools Collaborative Grant Program** - **APPLY NOW FOR OUR NATIONAL SIGNATURE GRANT PROJECT! A Joint Grant initiative of the NREA and the Rural Schools Collaborative's Grants in Place Program.**

The Rural Schools Collaborative [Grants in Place program](#) is pleased to present the National Signature Project, a \$2,500 grant to an outstanding and innovative classroom project that exemplifies the very best in place-based education. The National Signature Project award is open to any rural classroom teacher in the United States.

**Our straightforward application is due by April 23, 2018. Please click here to apply today, and help us spread the word!**

**If you are a teacher within one of our hub or partner regions, you may be eligible for a traditional "Grants in Place" award - [please view eligible regions and apply here.](#)**

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### **School Based Medicaid: Additional funding resource for Missouri School Districts**

Many school districts are leaving "money on the table" for School-Based Medicaid programs. Funding is provided by the Missouri HealthNet Division for services already being provided by the school district.

Annual funds reimbursement averages several hundred to several thousand dollars.

Confused by the program requirements for participation of SDAC?

Innovative Options, LLC, a locally certified Missouri company, provides individualized SDAC program management services for over 60 Missouri school districts. We take the guesswork out of program details and compliance issues. Our company is highly recommended by Missouri Superintendents, Directors of Special Education and Finance staff.

In the educational setting, school district staff serve as advocates for students and families when identifying, delivering, coordinating or monitoring health services related to therapy, medical, mental, hearing or dental needs of students. Educational staff usually view involvement in these activities as part of the educational process, but many of these activities are reimbursable through two separate

Missouri school-based Medicaid programs of:

- 1) School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC): program management provided by Innovative Options
- 2) Direct Billing : services provided by Claim Care (a preferred vendor of MARE)

Is your school district "leaving money on the table"?

Join over 450 other Missouri school districts that take advantage of this funding opportunity.

Deadline to participate in the 2018-2019 school year is coming up soon.

Contact us today. E-mail Linda Kirkpatrick, (managing owner, Innovative Options, LLC): [linda.sdac@gmail.com](mailto:linda.sdac@gmail.com) or by phone: [913-706-3632](tel:913-706-3632).

## **Quote of the Week**

"TELL ME AND I FORGET. TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN." -- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

## **MARE Mobile Application:**

We at MARE understand the importance of staying connected with our community. We are very excited to announce we now have a App, which will provide easy access to the information you need.

Select the App available for you to download from Google Play and App Store



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